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City withdraws trust land opposition after presentation on economic impact

By MICHAEL DODSON

CPN Director of Public Information

On a unanimous vote, the Shawnee City Commission has rescinded a letter of formal protest of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's plans to place the erstwhile Oakcrest Hospital facility into formal federal trust status.

John A. "Rocky" Barrett Jr., Tribal Chairman, told the

commissioners, "The Nation plans to use the facility as a children's day care center, an elderly nutrition and adult day care center, a job development center, and as administrative offices."

Chairman Barrett said the Potawatomi Nation will hire 18 more people as these programs are developed and expanded and the administrative offices

move is accomplished. "We should put an additional \$5 million a year into the Shawnee-area economy as a result of the use of this facility," he said.

"We have been fortunate to get \$1 million for child care programs and another \$750,000 for elderly nutrition and support," Barrett said.

Terry Powell, Shawnee city manager, said that the protest letter was written because the facility will be taken off the ad valorem (property) tax rolls once it is placed in trust. "But, further discussion showed (us) that use of it as a day care, adult care, and nutrition center will have a positive impact on Shawnee and the surrounding area," Powell told the commissioners.

Powell said that the loss of these property taxes will not affect the city government as much as it will affect the Pottawatomie County government. The city manager said that County Commissioner Buck Day had told him that "the county has no real protest."

Newly developed economic impact information indicates that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is Shawnee's eighth largest employer. The survey indicates that the Indian nation's presence has a direct

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Mentors help save kids from second mistake

By MICHAEL DODSON

CPN Director of Public Information

They have committed a first error — made one bad decision — and it has earned them a first encounter with the juvenile justice system. For these Pottawatomie County teens, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation First Offender Program is there with a loving but firm hand.

The program works to help the youngsters and their parents and friends ensure there is no repeating the bad decision.

The First Offender Program, in place since 1991, has recorded a very satisfying record of preventing recidivism in some 80% of the cases it handles. "These are children of all ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds," said Shirl Hubert, First Offenders director. "They are 11 to 18 years old."

Now, First Offenders has added what Hubert calls "a very exciting component" to its methods for helping its precious clients regain control of their lives. First Offenders is recruiting women and men from across Pottawatomie County to serve as mentors.

"Mentors numbers one and two have committed," Hubert said. "We are very thankful to Shawnee City Commissioner Ron Gillham and state Rep. Bob Weaver for making time

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POTAWATOMI POWER \$

What the Citizen Potawatomi Nation contributes to the Shawnee economy

EMPLOYMENT:

386

Number Of Employees,
Citizen Potawatomi Nation

27

Number Of Employees, First National Bank



PAYROLL:

\$4,275,419.09

Total CPN Annual Payroll

\$1,980,911.18

Total Tribal Government Annual Payroll

\$564,000.00

Total First National Bank Annual Payroll



ECONOMIC IMPACT:

\$24,400,000.00

Total Annual CPN Revenue - 60% Spent Locally

\$5,500,000.00

Total Tribal Government & Business Enterprise
Spending For Goods & Supplies In Shawnee Area



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From Our Mailbox



Dear Editor:

Just wanted to tell you I think that your November issue of the HowNiKan is one of the most interesting I have read.

Too bad you all don't have a catalog about the things in the gift shop, etc., for sale.

I really appreciate the medicine I receive from the pharmacy. Some I pay for and some I don't and that helps me a lot. Seems like the price of medicine goes higher with each passing month.

Sincerely,

Lorraine M. Lewis
Macomb, Illinois

Please share Potawatomi stories

Dear Cousins and Friends,

I am a tribal member, educator and storyteller. Traditional Native American stories play an important role in the nature and science curriculum I teach to young children. Storytelling also plays an important role in my life and my exploration of my native heritage.

The majority of the traditional stories I tell are from other tribes and nations. I would like to tell traditional Potawatomi stories, but I know only a few.

Please share with me any traditional Potawatomi or Anishnabe stories you know of, as well as any resources of our traditional stories.

Thank you,

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Walking on . . .

Mable F. Patton

Mable F. Patton, 83, passed away on December 5, 1997, at her home in Topeka, Kansas.

She was born February 2, 1914, at Rossville, Kansas, the daughter of Charles and Hattie Denton Bixby. She grew up attending country school in Rossville. She was one of 16 children. She worked as a waitress for various dinners. Later she worked for the Seymour Packing plant in north Topeka for several years. She lived in Topeka all her life.

She married Osto H. Patton on March 20, 1932 in Lawrence, KS. He preceded her in death on February 4, 1978. She had one son who died in infancy in January of 1945.

She is survived by one daughter, Wanda Smith, Kingsville, MO; two brothers, Robert Bixby, Silver Lake, KS, and Donald Bixby, Rossville, KS; two sisters, Edna Taylor and Grace Bixby, both of Topeka, KS; three granddaughters, eight great-grandchildren; and six great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held December 9 at Davidson Funeral Home in Topeka. A private burial at the Rossville Cemetery was held later. Davidson Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

James Claude Hollingsworth

James Claude Hollingsworth, 81, Tecumseh, Oklahoma, died Jan. 9, 1998, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

He was born in Sept. 22, 1916, in Merimac to Claude James and Rena (Nadeau) Hollingsworth. He was raised in the Tecumseh area and was married to Emily Olive Hollingsworth.

Mr. Hollingsworth was a heavy equipment operator, a garage owner, and a shrimper in places such as New Mexico, Texas, and California before returning to this area two years ago.

He was a member of a Baptist church in Hobbs, NM, where he previously served as deacon.

He is survived by two sons, Lawrence Hollingsworth and Daniel Hollingsworth of California; and two daughters, Joyce Hollingsworth, and Rose Esther, San Bernardino, Calif.; three brothers, Louis Hollingsworth, Tecumseh; Glen Hollingsworth, Seminole; and Tony Hollingsworth, Tecumseh; four sisters; Della Foreman, Claremore; Laura Lincoln, Tecumseh; Rena Sarrah Belcher, Tecumseh; and Mary Cole, Ono,

Calif.; and several grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister and his wife, Emily Olive Hollingsworth.

Services were held at Swearingen Funeral Home Chapel, Seminole. Burial was in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Calif.

Lagera Louise Owens

Lagera Louise Owens of Shawnee, Oklahoma, died Dec. 24, 1997, at the age of 66.

She was born Sept. 17, 1931, in Wanette, Oklahoma, to William Horace and Emily Theresa (Weddle) Laughlin. She was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

She was reared in Wanette and attended school at Lone Grove and Wanette. She had lived in Shawnee since 1949.

In 1950, she married Don Harper in Shawnee. She married James Owens in Shawnee in 1974 and he preceded her in death in 1975. Mrs. Owens was a homemaker and a nurse's aide.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Regina Alley, Tecumseh; Theresa and Kenneth Kelly, Shawnee; Donna and David Chance, Tecumseh; sons Billy Harper, Tulsa, and Mike Harper, Shawnee; brothers James Laughlin and Ralph Laughlin, both of Lexington; sisters, Hazel Dohneke, Marysville, Calif., and Pat Laughlin, Norman, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; one sister, Verna Fuller, and one granddaughter, Crissy Ann Skelly.

Graveside service was held at noon Dec. 27, 1997 at Box Cemetery west of Wanette, officiated by Bob Anderson. Arrangements were under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home, Tecumseh.

Dalton "Wade" Lambert

Dalton "Wade" Lambert, 76, of Porterville, CA. Mr. Lambert died there on Thursday, Jan. 5, 1998. Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. at Woodville Cemetery, with the Rev. Donnie Smith of Jesus' Assembly, Woodville, officiating.

Mr. Lambert, who lived in the Porterville area for 60 years, was a previous owner of The Mint, and was a farmer and cotton ginner with Acala Ginning Co.

He served in the European Theater with the Army Air Corps 825th Air Engineer Squadron and the 92nd Bomb Group during World War II. He was in the service during the years 1942 through 1946.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years,

Mila Lambert of Porterville; two sons, Barney of Porterville and Terry Lambert of Terra Bella; a daughter, Cheryl Perkins of Terra Bella; three brothers, Junior of Strathmore, Bill of Visalia and Lloyd Lambert of Tulare; three sisters, Hazel Fitzgerald of Redwood City, Mae Brittan of Porterville and Aileen Lambert of Modesto; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter. Contributions may be made in his memory to the American Heart Association, 1945 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA 93711.

Patricia Ann Hughes

Patricia Ann Hughes, 57, walked on January 2, 1998, in Portland, Oregon.

She was born to Joseph Edward Baptiste and Virginia Taylor on October 10, 1940, in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. Patricia was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and also retained Osage blood from her mother. She married Richard Hughes of Eugene, Oregon, on May 19, 1962.

She was preceded in death by her mother Virginia and father Joseph E. Baptiste; her grandmother, Rose Copough Baptiste, and her grandfather, Joseph Louis Baptiste. A loving wife, mother and grandmother, she is survived by her husband, Richard of 35 years, a brother, Joseph Edward Baptiste, Jr. of Eugene, Oregon, three half sisters, Linda Shedd of Hominy, OK, Janice Shields of Missouri and Pam Knott of Fairfax, OK.; five children, Karen Christopherson and husband Ed, Katherine Robinson Miller, Richard T. Hughes, Joseph R. Hughes and wife Charlotte, all of Springfield, Oregon, daughter Lisa Looney and husband Will of Scapoose, Oregon; and eight loving grandchildren.



Walking on . . .

Edna Frances DeVader

Edna Frances DeVader, 80, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 1997, at her home in Holton, Kansas.

She was born Jan. 8, 1917, at Marple Hill, the daughter of Henry M. and Edith L. Burns Martin. She was graduated from Rossville High School in 1935 and from Stewart's Beauty School in Topeka.

Mrs. DeVader organized and founded the Holton Community Dinners for Thanksgiving and Christmas and saw the 13th Thanksgiving dinner this year. She also was involved with Birthright and Right-To-Life in Jackson County, and she served on the board of directors of the Jackson County Training Center. Mrs. DeVader was a member of St. Dominic Catholic Church in Holton, the Altar Society at the church and the Holton Area Chamber of Commerce.

She married Chester Arvid Johnson on April 28, 1941. He died May 6, 1947. She later married Francis DeVader on March 18, 1953, at Davey, Neb. He survives.

Other survivors include five sons, Dan E. DeVader, Henry F. DeVader, Peter E. DeVader, Douglas W. DeVader and Martin J. DeVader, all of Holton; three daughters, Jan Heslop, Neosho Falls; Ingrid Kelly, Laguna Beach, Calif.; and Lisa Gerhardt, Netawaka; a brother, Charles Martin, Silver Lake; five sisters, Olive Baird, Neosho, Mo.; Doris McGee, Jackpot, Nev.; Gladys Immenschuh, Augusta; Betty J. Gibson, Topeka; and Catherine DeVader, Delia; 21 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Mrs. DeVader also was preceded in death by a son, Dennis DeVader, on Sept. 12, 1974, and a great-grandson, James Christopher Schmidt.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Holton. Burial was in Mount Calvary Cemetery west of Holton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Crisis Pregnancy Center of Jackson County or to the Jackson County Training Center and sent in care of the Dension State Bank in Holton.

Mrs. DeVader was the granddaughter of Julia Navarre Burns and great-granddaughter of Peter Navarre and Ellen.

Bill Edward Johnson

Bill Edward Johnson, 46, born Sept. 11, 1951, passed away on Sept. 22, 1997, after a long illness.

Bill was born in Fresno and lived all of his life in the Fresno and Visalia, CA, area.

He is survived by his father, David P. Johnson, of Auberry, CA; mother Norma L. Sisler and stepfather Jack S. Sisler of Sanger, CA; two children, Tamra Harbottle of Grand Junction, CO, and Jason of Farmersville, CA; two precious grandchildren, Blake Harbottle, 2 1/2, of Grand Junction, CO, and 3-month-old Grayson of Farmersville; one sister, Ginger Getusky of Fruitvale, ID; one brother, David; a number of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He will be missed greatly. A memorial service was held at First Baptist Church in Sanger, CA on Sept. 26, 1997.

Bill suffered from migraine headaches and so does his son. Bill's body was donated to Western University of Health Science in Romona, CA in hopes that he can serve as a study and help for migraine headaches. A memorial fund has been set up at First Baptist Church, 14th & O Streets, Sanger, CA, 93657.

Pastor Fred Delano and Pastor George Fletcher, Bill's prayer partner, officiated. For a number of years Bill worked in all aspects of farming, fruits and vegetables, and the last few years in organic farming.

Inez (Vieux) Silas Brinlee

Lifelong Pottawatomie County resident Inez (Vieux) Silas Brinlee of Shawnee died Dec. 15, 1997, at the age of 82.

She was born Nov. 18, 1915, in Konawa to Nicholas "Nick" and Dessie (Vick) Vieux and was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She attended Sacred Heart Catholic and St. Louis schools. She received her training to be a licensed practical nurse at Central State Hospital, where she worked until retiring in 1977.

She had lived in Shawnee for 25 years and was a member of St. Benedict Catholic Church and Potawatomi Retirement Center.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Murieldean and Donald Laxton, Midland, Texas; Patricia and Ronnie Hargus, St. Louis; Sue Milburn Carpenter and Sam Carpenter, Prague; Delta and Jim Hogan, Shawnee; sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Matilda Silas, Konawa; Roy Silas, Tecumseh; Carol and Elena Silas, St. Louis; brother, Charles Vieux, St. Louis; 22 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and

many other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Connie Darlene Wood; and two infant sisters, Elvina and Armenta Vieux.

Rosary was held at St. Benedict Catholic Church. Mass of Christian burial was held Dec. 16 at the church with the Rev. Charles Massoth, O.S.B., officiating. Burial was at Sen Ko Kwe Gate (Pretty Bird), St. Louis. Arrangements were under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home, Tecumseh.

Nolene "Snooks" Hodges

Nolene "Snooks" Hodges, 73, tribal member and eldest daughter of Olline and Ben Hodges, left this Circle on December 20, 1997. She was born Jan. 6, 1924, in Maud, Oklahoma, to Noel and Olline (Holt) Hodges, and spent her early years in Maud, Oklahoma. She went to school in Ada, and graduated from Oklahoma University with a major in journalism.

Nolene was a news reporter for all her mature life, retiring in 1996 from a distinguished career in both the newspaper and television fields. Her first job was in Seminole, Oklahoma, after her graduation; her last in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, where she made her home and worked for most of her adult years.

Only her courageous and devastating battle with cancer was able to keep her from the absolute dedication she had to her work.

Nolene was a member of the O'Gee-Beaubien family of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She leaves to mourn her passing her mother, Tribal Elder Olline Hodges, her two sisters, Lucille Marie "Tokee" Richards and husband Harry, of Shawnee, and Doris Jean "Jan" Rowe and husband Leonard of California; nieces Sharon Lacey and Linda Lacey, both of Shawnee; Jan Tupps, Tulsa; nephews Mike Lacey, Muskogee; David Rowe, Camarillo, Calif., and Stephen Rowe, Fillmore, Calif.; and a host of other relatives, co-workers, and friends in Oklahoma and Texas.

Nolene was highly respected in the news reporting industry as always being diligent to report the truth, in a fair and concise manner. She won many prestigious awards for her work during her career.

Her first newspaper job was with the Seminole Producer and she moved to the Weslaco, Texas, area in 1949. She was editor of the Edinburg, Texas, Daily Review for a short time. She worked for the Star and the Monitor of McAllen, Texas, for many years and was mid-valley reporter for the Valley Morning Star in Harlingen, Texas, beginning in 1993.

She also had been bureau chief of the United Press International's south Texas bureau in the early 1960s, and was news director for KRBV television, the first woman in the nation to hold such a post. She received numerous awards from UPI, the Associated Press, the International Media Conference at the University of Texas-Pan American and many others. She retired from the Valley Morning Star on July 31, 1996.

She was a member of Northridge Church of Christ, past president of the Zonda Club, chairperson of a Boys and Girls Club, Girl Scout Troop leader and member of Weslaco Historical Society.

Graveside services were attended by family and close friends on December 23, 1997, at Resthaven Memorial Park in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Nolene will be greatly missed by all her family, friends and peers, as she was greatly loved. May her walk in the next Circle be a blessing, may her family know the comfort of Creator in this time of grief.

Hilda Lucille Houston

Hilda Lucille Houston was born November 8, 1909 at Wanette, Oklahoma. She passed away on December 20, 1997, at the age of 88, in the Geary Community Nursing Home, Geary, Oklahoma.

Hilda moved to Greenfield, Okla., in 1928 from Wanette and moved to Geary in 1936. She was a member of the St. Josephs Catholic Church in Geary. She was married to Bill Houston on March 24, 1928 at Wanette. Her parents were W.W. and Olive Vieux Montgomery. She was a homemaker and a charter member of the Good Cheer Club.

Survivors include three sons, Doyle Houston and his wife Dorothy of Geary, Duane Houston, and his wife Dorothy of Vacaville, Calif., and Bill Houston and his wife, Delores of Geary; eight grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and one sister, Anita Peck of Geary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, W.W. Montgomery and Olive Montgomery Sullivan; her husband, Bill Houston; one brother, Allan Montgomery; three sisters, Wilma Jo Cearley, Elizabeth Williams and Bernice Cranfill; and one granddaughter, Diane Houston.

Graveside services were held at Geary Cemetery Dec. 23. Burial followed at Geary Cemetery under direction of the Turner Funeral Home.

TRIBAL TRACTS

Tribal members help teach youth about heritage

Ever wonder how the chipmunk got the three stripes on its back, or why foxes and bears don't get along?

Ask children at Lorin Eden School's Latchkey Program and they'll give you those answers, plus how to make the rain stop by shaking a bag full of stink bugs.

The children, in addition to parents and a few community members, heard Native American stories explaining the natural world during a powwow Wednesday, held in collaboration with the All Nations Together club of California State University, Hayward.

"They get history in school and visual pictures showing them what Native Americans looked like way back when, but we haven't disappeared," said Jennifer Porter of the Potawatomi Nation and an adviser to the All Nations club.

"We want to show that we can practice our traditions and live in white society just like everyone else," Porter said.

In addition to having an authentic Native American storyteller, the powwow featured dancers, drumming, arts and crafts, and a film on an Ohlone Indian descendent.

All Nations Together had a booth exhibiting jewelry, books and photos of cultural dress. The Latchkey Program also displayed drawings and other art made by the children.

Organizers of the event said it was important for the children to understand, experience and appreciate other cultures, especially when the school district has a high minority population.

Native Americans are the smallest ethnic group in the district at less than one percent.

Parent Tammy Manley said she was glad her two children attended Wednesday's powwow. Her husband is part Cherokee.

"I'm trying to show the children so they can see the other side of the culture," Manley said.

This story appeared in the Nov. 20, 1997, edition of The Daily Review, Hayward, California. It was written by staff writer Carolyn R. Saraspi.



Tribal Member Barbara Potter Tells The Story Of The Fox And The Bear At Lorin Eden School's Latchkey Program (Photo From the Hayward, CA, Daily Review)

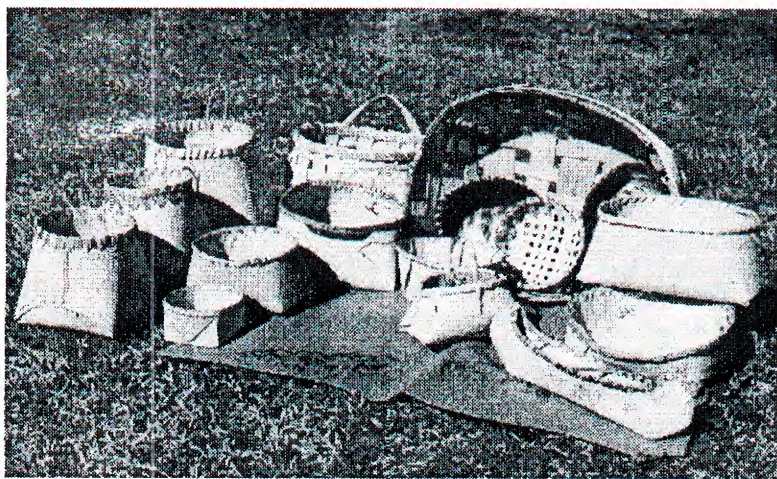
Thought For Today

Provided by Steve Kime, tribal member, author and professional speaker from Tulsa, Oklahoma

Happy New Year everyone! A new year is upon us with opportunities to begin again and plan for the future. There is a Chinese proverb that states, "If you are planning for a year, sow rice. If you are planning for a decade, plant trees. If you are planning for a lifetime, educate people."

Perhaps you didn't achieve everything you set out to do last year. Many of us don't accomplish everything, but at least with a new year we can make new plans to reach our goals. Since it seems to me that each year goes by faster than the previous, let me encourage you to make the most of this new year by making new plans for the days that lie ahead. Plan today and reap the benefits tomorrow. A new year means new opportunities and new friends.

And remember, to have a friend is to be one!



Birch Bark Baskets Made By Tribal Member

Basket maker honored

Tribal member Sandra Kay Walker of Milo, Maine, was recently honored to have four of her birchbark baskets accepted into the Ninth Annual Lawrence Kansas Indian Arts Show. The Juried Competition was held at the Museum of Anthropology at The University of Kansas in October of 1997.

This was a special honor as Miss Walker states that she is "only a beginner" (at age 57) and that she looks forward to learning much more about the true art of Indian basketry.

All four of Miss Walker's baskets were sold during the show, with one, the "Child's Berry Basket," being purchased by the museum for its permanent display.

Miss Walker, the daughter of Lorraine Lewis of Macomb, IL, wishes to share this honor with all her People.

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

welcomes tribal members to come and view all of the wonderful information we have about the Potawatomi history and culture.

We encourage you to come in to visit or just sit and read in our quiet atmosphere. Our collections consist of new and rare books, photographs, videos, audio cassettes, maps, etc. So if you would like to learn more on the Potawatomi Nation as a whole, this is the place to come.

We are a non-lending library so any type of research that you would like to do will have to be done in our office. Reasonable research inquiries will be accepted by mail.

Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch from noon to 1:00 p.m.). We are located beneath the Tribal Museum in the Language and Culture building.

If you have any questions feel free to call Tracey Meeks, Tribal Archivist, at (405)878-4818 or 1-800-880-9880.

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TRIBAL TRACTS

Tribal gift helps makes Christmas merry for many

A \$5,000 donation from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation helped to ensure a brighter, happier Christmas for more than 600 area families. The five members of the Potawatomi Nation Business Committee presented the check to Potawatomi County Operation Christmas leaders Dec. 23.

"There are large numbers of people in Pottawatomie County who would not otherwise have enough resources to provide a minimum Christmas, were it not for this effort (Operation Christmas)," said Bill Shields, Operation Christmas volunteer. "We give them some food. We give them some clothing. We have toys for the children."

Jo Ann Harris, Christmas store manager, said, "These people are very happy to receive what we can offer them because, without us, they would have nowhere else to go."

Families being helped by Operation Christmas "shopped" at a store set up inside Shawnee's Municipal Auditorium just before Christmas. The Oklahoma Department of Human Services office had screened them for eligibility.

Each child was given two toys. Each family received enough food for a huge Christmas dinner. And, those being helped were given all the clothes they could carry away from the Operation Christmas store.

Buck Day, Potawatomi County Commissioner, said, "What we do (with Operation Christmas) is help those people who have fallen through some of the cracks." Day said that that is possible because Operation Christmas' rules for giving are less structured than those of government and other programs.

"This donation from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation makes it possible to help these people in this manner," Day



John Barrett, Third From Right, Presents Check To Buck Day, Third From Left. Looking On Are Tribal Committeemen Hilton Melot And Gene Bruno On The Left; Store Manager JoAnn Harris, Second From Right; And Tribal Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Far Right.

said. "We always give away more gifts and money than we have taken in money to pay for. The Potawatomi Nation gift gets us back up to even each year."

Shields said that helping in this manner is very gratifying. "I get to see 24 to 30 volunteers every day who get to live out the Christmas spirit. The greatest joy to me is seeing these folks

participate, give things to other folks, do the things that are necessary to make the store operate."

John A. "Rocky" Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi Nation chairman, said he is grateful for the tribe's opportunity to lend a hand each year. "We are blessed with the opportunity to operate several profitable businesses in this community," Barrett said. "Joining in sponsor-

ing Operation Christmas is a most gratifying way to say 'thank you' to our friends and neighbors across Pottawatomie County."

Joining Barrett in making the donation presentation were Linda Capps, tribal vice chairman; Gene Bruno, secretary-treasurer; and Committeemen Hilton Melot and J.P. Motley.

Mystery photo explained

The mystery photo in the November HowNiKan was identified by the daughters of the two men.

Nadine Rhodd Smith of Stockton, California identified the man sitting as her father, Israel Rhodd. Nadine is retired after 44 years as an RN, working at Boeing Aircraft in Wichita, Kansas before moving to California in 1949 where she worked for North American.

Ruth Dickman of Manteca, California, identified the man standing as her father, Peter Rhodd. Ruth said her father, Peter Rhodd, was hired by an

oil company to find Israel Rhodd to sign an oil lease and make everything legal. Peter was the only one who could identify Israel and was gone several months. After locating Israel in Kansas, he had the photo taken and sent to the oil company to let them know that he had found Israel and was bringing him back to sign the lease.

The picture was donated by Eva Rhodd Jordan. Her parents were John Rhodd and Adeline Thorpe. And Mary Elizabeth Washam called in to the office. She is the daughter of Peter Rhodd.

Haskell encouraging alums to form chapters

The National Haskell Alumni Association is encouraging all alumni throughout the United States to either start a new chapter or join one that is already chartered. Instruction packets on how to start a chapter in your geographical area are available from Martha Houle, president; National Haskell Alumni Association, 11415 West 67th Street, Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66203, (913)631-7833.

Existing chapters and their membership coordinators are:

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TRIBAL TRACTS

Accounting department wins 9th achievement award

By MICHAEL DODSON

CPN Director of Public Information
Citizen Potawatomi Nation officials and employees in the tribe's accounting department are wearing big smiles. For the ninth consecutive year the department has earned the "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting".

The Government Finance Officers (GFAO) Association, based in Chicago, Illinois presented the award. Stephen J. Gauthier, Director of GFAO's Technical Services Center, said, "The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in government accounting and financial reporting."

"Attaining the certificate represents a significant achievement by a government and its management," Gauthier added.

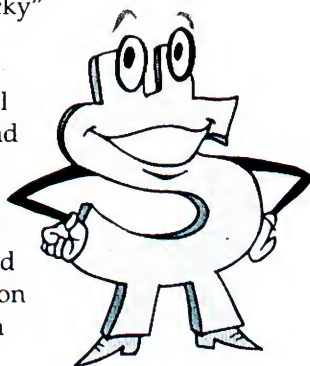
When a Certificate of Achievement is awarded to a government, an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement is also presented to the individual designated by the government as primarily responsible for its having earned the Certifi-

cate. That Award names John A. "Rocky" Barrett, Jr., Potawatomi Nation Tribal Chairman and Administrator.

Chairman Barrett shared the recognition with Carolyn Sullivan, Accounting Department Director, and the department's staff. "Working with our Business Committee, the department has designed and adheres stringently to excellent accounting and reporting processes," Barrett said.

"It takes diligence to ensure that every penny that flows through the tribal government's, and its business enterprises', accounts is spent properly, recorded promptly and accurately, and reported appropriately," Barrett said.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation



Accounting Department is comprised of two sections – for tribal government operations and for business enterprises. In addition to Sullivan, Director of Finance and 11-year Citizen Potawatomi Nation employee; Dee Wood, accountant and nine-year employee; Tammy Bittle, Accountant; and, Treasure Fincher, Accounting Assistant; handle tribal government accounting chores.

Susan Blair, Director of Enterprise Accounting and 11-year employee; Letha Goodchief, Accounting Clerk and 9-year employee; Jamie Moucka, Accounting Clerk; and Amber Lowden, Purchase Order Clerk; handle those tasks for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation-owned business enterprises.

"We are extremely pleased to have been recognized for the department's hard work," Sullivan said. "We are very proud of what earning the Certificate symbolizes – that institutions with which the Citizen Potawatomi Nation does business can rely on the accuracy and practicality of our financial reporting."

All told, the department tracks inflow and spending of approximately \$25 million-a-year for the government and business enterprises. The Potawatomi nation owns: First National Bank and Trust Co. of Shawnee; FireLake Golf Course; FireLake Entertainment (which consists of a bowling alley, Bingo hall, and off-track betting parlor); Charlie's at FireLake Restaurant; the Potawatomi Tribal Convenience Stores in Shawnee and Tecumseh; and, a museum and gift shop.

An impartial panel performed judging that resulted in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's earning the Certificate of Achievement. Gauthier said, "This was done to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive 'spirit of full disclosure' to clearly communicate the Nation's financial story."

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Day Care Christmas Party

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's new day care center made the most of Christmas as only children — and some adults — can. In the photo at left, Misty Kiefer and her daughter Taylor Poncho check out a gift at the Christmas party. At right, the day care staff poses with Santa, who bears a striking resemblance to Norman Kiker.

Tribal member, partner win Oklahoma bass fishing championship

By MICHAEL DODSON
CPN Director of Public Information

"State Champion" is emblazoned across the ring that Randy Herrod of Shawnee, a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, wears proudly. It's but one of the spoils of Herrod's and partner Harold Dooley's fishing adventures in a Lake Eufaula tournament this past October.

The top 15 finishers from each of the 24 pro bass fishing tours in Oklahoma had advanced to the Oklahoma Team Tournament. Format: fish it off on Friday and Saturday to earn your way into the Sunday finals.

In cool, misty weather on Friday, Herrod and Dooley kept five bass that weighed a total of 9.39 pounds. That was good for 85th place. Another 9.99 pounds of fish on Saturday put the pair within striking distance of making the cut for the Sunday finals.

That 19.38 pounds tied Herrod and Dooley for 30th place, the finals cut-off point. Because the two teams tied for 30th both caught nine fish, the second tie-breaker came into play. Having the largest fish among those 18, a 4.7 pounder, Herrod and Dooley earned the finals.

On Sunday, four-foot swells on Eufaula made it extremely difficult for Herrod and Dooley to reach their favorite fishing hole — Longtown. Then Herrod lost a four-to-five pound bass on a stump.

Soon, though, they hooked a near



Herrod With Fishing Boat He Won In Tournament

five-pounder, two more weighing more than four pounds each, and a three-pounder. The pair caught one more keeper en route back to the weigh-in site.

Checking in 23rd, Herrod and Dooley moved into the lead with 17.06 pounds — then had to fret and worry through weigh-ins for seven more teams. None came near that 17 pounds of fish, though.

In addition to the rings, Herrod and Dooley took home an 18-foot 1998 Champion Bass Boat, with a 150 horsepower Evinrude motor — black with gold trim. It lists for \$22,000.

"This is the largest tournament that we can fish in this state," Herrod said. "The only place (bigger) that we could go would be to get on the Red Man Trail

or to start fishing B.A.S.S.

"However, Herrod told the *HowNiKan*, "we're not quite ready to do that. So, we're going to go back to try to repeat as Oklahoma State Champions."

If they are successful, it would make Herrod and Dooley the first repeat champions.

Herrod, a published author, has a second title ready for release this spring: "Forgotten Warriors." Herrod said, "It's about ten Indian veterans who earned at least the Silver Star."

According to the author, "This book includes some of the best stories from World War Two, Korea, Viet Nam. It also includes some history about Indian veterans, and how much that we owe the Indian veterans from World War One."

Herrod is set to begin writing a collection of fish stories. He's calling it "All Fishermen Are Liars, Except You And I." His first book relates Herrod's experiences as a U.S. Marine in Viet Nam, including his court martial, and acquittal, on war crimes charges.

Then-Marine Lt. Oliver North flew back to Viet Nam from the United States to testify as a character witness for Herrod at that court martial.

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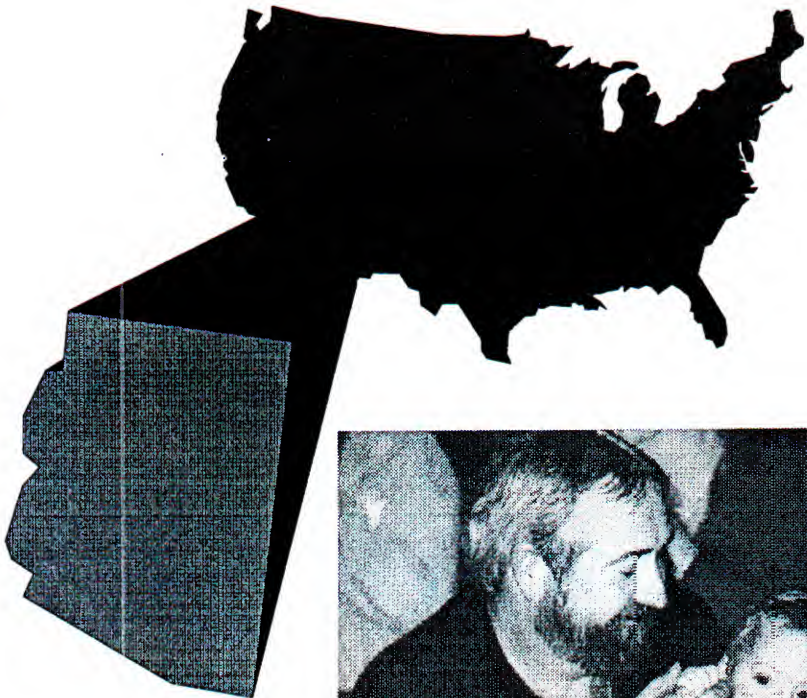
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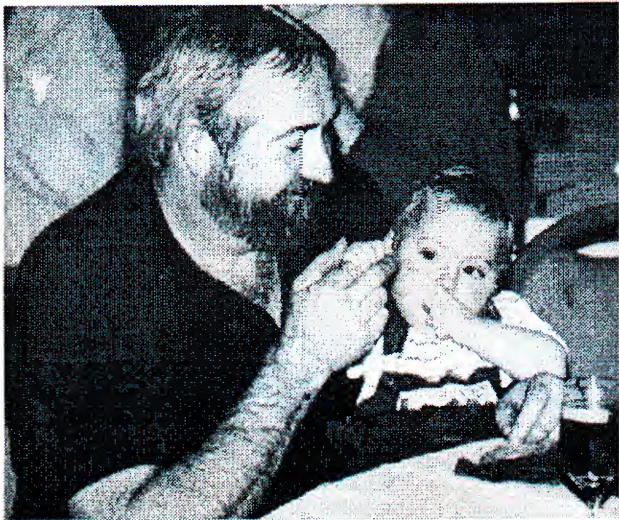
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Andy Graft, Right, Was Honored As The Youngest Tribal Member Present. He's Pictured With His Dad, Lynn.



Bob Whistler, Center, The Wisest Tribal Member Present, Is Pictured With Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Left, And Regional Coordinator Philonise Williams, Right.



Left: Deputy Tribal Administrator Bob Trousdale, Right, Looks Over Plans For The American Indian Veterans Center With Tribal Member And Architect Burke Wyatt, Left.



Right: Robert Kritkauský Makes Sure He Captures The Event On Video



Drummers (Left To Right) Toby José, Kevin José, Littlebear And Bennie Hernandez Kept The Music Coming For Dancing



Storyteller Steve Bison, A Cherokee From Phoenix, Enthralled Tribal Members With Traditional Native American Tales

REGIONAL COUNCIL

ARIZONA - JAN. 17, 1998



Left: Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett Jr. Updated Tribal Members On Progress At Tribal Headquarters

Right: Sue Turner Was Winner Of The Southwest Region Art Competition With This Work. Her Piece Will Be Entered In The Annual Competition At This Year's Pow-Wow



Elizabeth Navarro Tries Her Hand At Artwork During The Council Meeting

Elizabeth Young (Second From Left) Dances With Youngsters Elizabeth Navarro, Rebekah Navarro And Feather Alcantar. Ms. Young's Phoenix Intertribal Dancers Provided Both The Dancers And The Drum For The Regional Meeting



Chairman Barrett And Marcy Hauer Join In The Dancing

Feather Alcantar Makes Her Fringe Fly During Dancing At The Regional Meeting.



Southwest regional meeting attracts 100 tribal members

By MICHAEL DODSON

CPN Director of Public Information

A good turnout of approximately 100 Citizen Potawatomi tribal members attended the January 10th Regional Council Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona.

Bob Whistler, at 86, was the oldest tribal member there – the “wisest,” as Tribal Chairman John A. “Rocky” Barrett, Jr. described him. Whistler dispensed some of that wisdom as he recounted his lifelong quest for ever higher educational attainment.

Mr. Whistler retired from the U.S. Army Infantry, with the rank of Sergeant Major, in 1972. He was 60 years old; he had already earned a Bachelor of Science in Humanities.

Marking the beginning of his seventh decade, Whistler earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business in June 1972. Two years later, he earned a master's in business administration (MBA). He added a master's in education a year later.

Then, after eight years of work, Mr. Whistler graduated from Columbia Pacific University in Birmingham,

England with a Ph.D. in 1983.

“Now, if I can do that, every one of you can do it also,” Whistler encouraged his fellow Potawatomis. “Every one of you.”

Whistler praised tribal leadership for wise investment practices, particularly regarding money that had previously been distributed in “headrights,” or per capita payments.

“I remember back in 1960. We used to draw a headright, about every two or three years, of about 100 bucks,” Whistler said. “What’s a hundred bucks to people today? You can’t even get a good dinner for that anymore.”

“But they’ve taken those hundred dollars and they’ve invested it very wisely. They’ve made the Potawatomi Indian Nation a major entity among American Indian tribes.”

Chairman Barrett laid out plans for the future evolution of the regional offices for Phoenix-area tribal members, describing them as “an active, ongoing extension of the tribal identity.”

The regional offices and regional

council meetings were an outgrowth of a Citizen Potawatomi Constitution change, which extended voting rights to tribal members who are not able to attend the annual meeting in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

“Even though they are 12 years old, the regional offices have not become a part of our tribal constitution,” Barrett explained. “These are still meetings held based on an enactment of the Business Committee.”

“We have an opportunity now for the regional councils to either incorporate as non-profit urban Indian corporations or a domestication of the tribe’s federal corporation. Once that happens, we believe ... that this corporation will be eligible for Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) block grant funding.”

Barrett said that the plan is for regional offices to become more than just an annual meeting. “We hope that the regional offices will buy property and construct a building that will be used for an elderly day care center, the

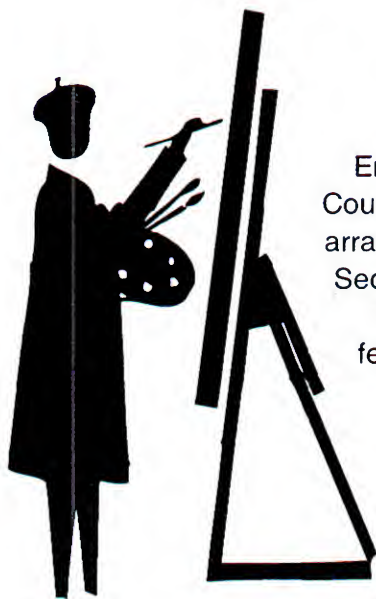
central building for an assisted living center, the home for a telecommunications hub, and more.”

That two-way, video-audio link would allow tribal members to view and participate in meetings of the Nation’s governing body.

There are also plans for a circuit-riding dentist-audiologist-optometrist to provide those health care services to tribal members at the regional offices. A language lab extension is also a possibility.

Also earning recognition at the Phoenix Regional Meeting were: Andy Graft, the youngest Citizen Potawatomi Nation member in attendance at 11 months old, and Minisa Crumbo Halsey of Oklahoma City, the tribal member who traveled the farthest distance to attend the meeting.

Sue Turner took honors in the Phoenix region in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Art Contest. Her painting will be among those competing for top honors at the annual meeting in Shawnee in June 1998.



Potawatomi Art Contest

Enrolled Citizen Potawatomi artists are encouraged to enter the 1998 art competitions to be conducted at each Regional Council meeting. Artists must bring their work to their individual Regional Council Meeting to be shown or make arrangements for the work to be shown and returned to them safely. Regional competition prizes are: \$150 First Prize, \$100 Second Prize, and \$50 Third Prize.

Please contact your Regional Director if you wish to enter your work at your Regional Council Meeting. There is no entry fee for regional competitions.

Each artist is limited to three entries.

Artists who win first, second and third prize will advance to enter a second round of competition.

Those not represented by Regional Directors or Regional Areas:

Tribal members not represented by a Regional Director should write for applications in order to enter a Regional Competition in Oklahoma. Winners of the competition in Shawnee are then eligible for entry to the Oklahoma Regional Grand Prize Art Competition.

Second Round Grand Prize Competitions

The following instructions are for winners of Regional Competitions, who will be judged the first week of June 1998: Submit 35 mm slides in standard mounts (no glass mounts), with one slide for each one-dimensional piece and two or three slides for each three-dimensional piece (one detail shot).

Slides should be labeled with the artist's name, title of the work, date completed, media and dimension (HxWxD). A self-addressed stamped envelope for return must accompany the slides. Entries must have been completed within the past two years and all entries must be the work of the artists (Regional & Second Competition). Acceptance and awards are at the discretion of the juror.

First prize will be \$300, second \$200, and third \$100.

Artist will be notified by mail as soon as the competition judging is completed.

On May 30th those individuals with entries at Regional Council Meeting in Kansas City must have all required information and materials in the hands of your Regional Director in order for it to be submitted for final competition. Send no actual art work, only slides and other requirements. (Winners of Kansas Regional Competition will be judged and announced at Kansas Council.)

DEADLINE for Second Round Art Competition applications and other required information is Tuesday, June 2, 1998.

The winners of the Second Round Grand Prize Art Competition will be brought to Shawnee for the 1998 Potawatomi General Council and Pow-Wow. Winning art work will be shown at that time.

For More Information, contact:

Citizen Potawatomi Nation-Art Competition
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Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801
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REGIONAL REPORTS

Colorado

It's over!!! The tree is down, the after holiday sales are over and next year's treasures are put away. However, my family and I hope you all had a Happy Holiday Season and wish you a New Year filled with joy and happiness.

January 1998 finds the Denver region in a deep freeze. Everyone I know either has or is getting rid of a cold or the flu. Let's not even mention those old maladies arthritis, rheumatism, and gout. This winter I have tasted the bitterness of both the flu and arthritis. For fun, a friend of mine and I have been looking into some of the old remedies for colds, flu and those winter time aches and pains. Unfortunately we have not been able to pick up any bear or wildcat grease or skunk cabbage to massage into our aching joints. We also assumed that disinfection was most likely the same as fumigation for colds, flu and respiratory ailments.

During the holiday break, I spent some time with my son at the library. While he was doing a research paper, I was playing on the internet. Along with finding our own Citizen Potawatomi website, I found some really interesting and educational information that I would like to share. There are lots more

information sites about Native Americans; these were just a few that I personally found to be interesting.

University of Virginia Library

<http://etext.virginia.edu/modeng/modengO.browse.html>

This site had several interesting subjects, including superstitions, and had some of the writings of Simon Pokagon.

Potawatomi website

<http://www.public.iastate.edu/jsmckinn/>

This site had Potawatomi genealogy, history, language, "Trail of Death - Journal." This was a really interesting site.

Oyate

<http://indy4.fdl.cc.mn.us/isk/book/oyate.html>

Oyate is a Native American organization that evaluates texts, resource materials, and fiction by and about Native Americans. It conducts workshops and administers a small resource center and library.

Internet Public Library

<http://www.ipl.org/ref/native>

The Internet Public Library (IPL) from the University of Michigan School of

information lists more than four hundred contemporary Native American authors.

Native American Literature Resources
<http://www.ipl.org/ref/native/biblio2.html>

A bibliography of Native American literature resources, expanded Native American literature readings.

I would be the last person to say that I am computer knowledgeable. Frankly, I was more than happy to accept the help of one of the library clerks. I was surprised and delighted to find so much information about the Potawatomi on the internet. For those folks who do not have computers at home, and those who do have computers but no internet, check out your public library. Most likely they have access; give it a try. I think you will be as surprised and delighted as I was.

At present, things are pretty quiet here in Denver. I am working on dance clothes and moccasins for my family. Denver March Pow Wow is quickly approaching. March 20, 21, & 22, 1998, will be here before you know it.

Until next time,

— Penny Bishop

South Texas

Bosho Mine' Chak (Hello again, everyone)

It is my hope that all of you are well at this time, and your days are filled with good things. I know that life brings all things, and some are hard to accept and deal with. In December we lost a dear cousin. That brings us to being very grateful for a close family. Nothing gives comfort in such times as having the family around you. It is the Neshnabe way.

We are fast approaching the date (March 7) of the Houston Southeast Texas Council Meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you at that time. Be sure to bring your art work with you.

We will have someone to judge, and three of you will go away winners, with an opportunity to show in Shawnee at Powwow. More important, there will be that exchange of ideas and information that always occurs when artists get together!

It continues to rain, but it is so warm it's hard to think of this as winter. We still have not had a freeze here at the "Ellis acres," the ground is soggy, and there are not many more places for the water to go. The ducks love it, but I think we've had enough!

Remember the local Intertribal Powwow at St. Mary's each second Sunday of the month. Come at 5:30 p.m. and bring a covered dish. We would love to have you join us for the Pot Luck Dinner. Gourd dancing starts about 7:00 p.m. "Indian time" and Grand Entry is

at 8:00.

Please call if I can be of any help, or you just want to talk. Take care of each other.

Bama mine' ngodtek

— Lu Ellis

Southwest

Bourzho!

Santa has come and gone, visions of sugar plums have all been put to bed for another year. We have been gifted with another whole new year to do with as we please — good or bad. It is up to us to make the best we can of it. But however you choose to live it, I wish you a very Happy New Year!

Our regional will be over by the time you read this. I feel those of you who attended enjoyed the afternoon. I have been blessed with the acquaintance of a lovely little Prairie Band lady and her family. It is her family which is doing the entertaining and they have graciously offered to teach those of us who want to learn to bead.

Thank you to the faithful ones who support us each year. It makes the worry and frustration of getting it organized all worthwhile.

We are still having problems with addresses. If any of you know people who have moved PLEASE, PLEASE get them to turn in their change of address. We can't let you know what's happening without your address! Well, so much of this. I'll leave you with this bit of wisdom: the days are very long and the years are very short, treat each day as a gift, and live it as though it were your last.

Megwech

— Philonise Williams

REGIONAL REPORTS

Oregon/Idaho/ Washington

Bozho!

Ni ji na? My cousin from Missouri called me to say Ho and Happy New Year. He said "I don't know anything new, do you?" Well, that sums it up. Not much new here in Oregon. I have scheduled a place for our Oregon/Washington/Idaho meeting this May 9th. It will be held at the Shilo Inn in Lincoln City this year. There is lots of RV parking spaces for self-contained RVs right there at the Shilo State Park, or if you prefer, lots of motels. Of course we will have all that information out to you in your newsletter coming out in April. Start planning now for a wonderful weekend at the coast.

Colby Whitenack from Eugene called and said he and three other Native American men were going to spend some time with other indigenous peoples in Australia and New Zealand. I am envious. I am wishing him a wonderful trip.

It has been a hard couple months for me since my niece, Patricia Hughes, was diagnosed with cancer. It really spread fast. You may remember Pat. She has helped me during the regional meetings by signing in members and giving them their name tags. Today I am reminded to greet each day with gratitude and thanks. At my age, I think more about that than when I was younger.

Several months ago, I ask everyone who has a business, either on the side or their main business, to send me their business card and we would try to put together a Potawatomi book for that purpose. So far I have not had too good a response, but I will try to keep reminding you. I will try to list a couple each month until we get enough to put together the directory...

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Remember, if I don't answer the telephone right away, leave me a message and I will return your call as soon as I get in. 1-800-522-3744. May Sha ma na do (Our Creator) bless each of you during this New Year. Make your trail straight and the ground soft under your moccasins.

Megwich,

— Rocky Baptiste

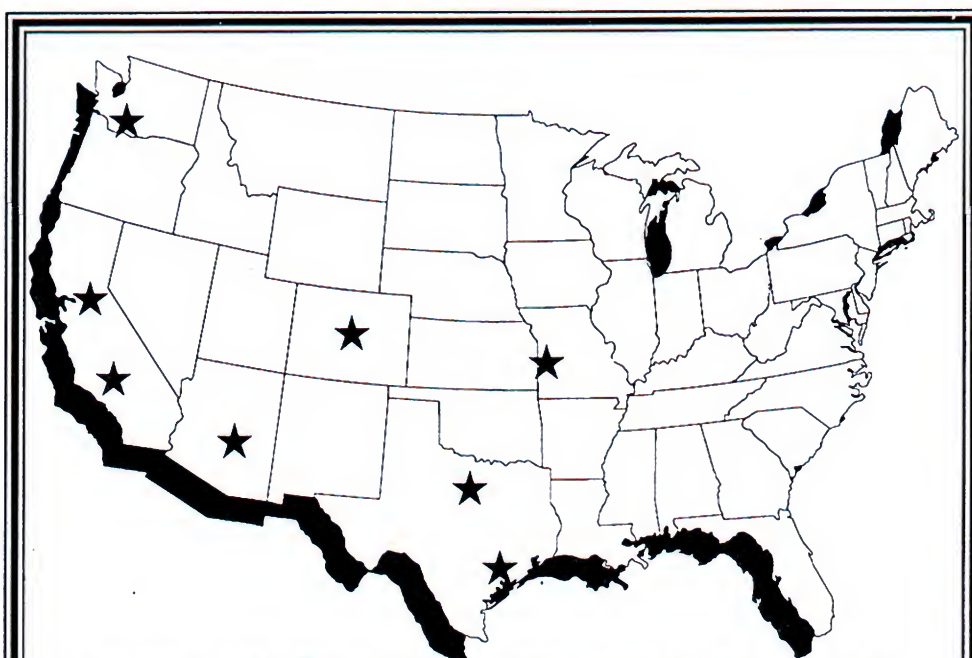
North Texas

We are into 1998 and so far, so good. We had a good Christmas and New Year and I hope you did, also. I spoke with one of our tribal members regarding health care and in the course of our conversation found out that we worked at the same newspaper. I never knew there was another Potawatomi there. This world gets smaller every day.

As I told you in previous articles, I was busy with our oldest daughter and her surgery and have neglected some of your requests. I think I have taken care of them by now, but if you have not received a response from me, please give me another call. The professor who taught the course on the History of the American Indian and started me on the research into the Potawatomi is seriously ill and I am writing to him to thank him for his encouragement. We talked about our Indian blood and our desire to know more about the tribe. It was several years after that before we were enrolled, but we did make it. I want to let him know what this course meant to me while he is still alive.

Our Regional Meeting is scheduled for April 25, 1998. You should have your invitation in March. Please save this date for our meeting. I will probably miss the birth of our eighth grandchild in order to be at the meeting, so if I can be at the meeting, I hope you can too. I have only had one inquiry about the art competition. Do we not have any artists out there? Would love to hear from you.

— Marj Hobdy



1997-98 Regional Council Schedule

Denver	Nov. 1, 1997
Phoenix	Jan. 17, 1998
Southern California	Feb. 21, 1998
Houston	March 7, 1998
Northern California	April 18, 1998
Dallas	April 25, 1998
Seattle/Portland	May 9, 1998
Kansas City	May 30, 1998

Southern California

Bourzho from Pasadena!

The Regional meeting is February 21st at the Southwest Museum in Los Angeles. If you haven't received an invitation, consider this it! We'll get underway at 10 am and go until about 3 pm. Remember: early arrivals get the best parking!

Anyone who's called and thought I was ignoring you, please call again. We've had a hardware problem here. The FAX/message machine's message circuit has been on the fritz. It played the outgoing message, but did not record your incoming message. Machine's in the shop, and there's a new message machine on the line.

Call your Southern California office for specifics on a long list of programs

and services available to Native Americans. I've also got an up-to-date Indian Resource Directory put out by the Department of Health Services. There's a lot of information for assistance with substance abuse, drug and alcohol rehab, food and housing, and education.

Strengthened by the knowledge of our history, may each of your hearts be filled with reverence for those who came before, whose countless moccasins marked the path so clearly for us; with love for our brothers and sisters who walk this path at our side; and with hope for those who will follow, even to the seventh generation.

Megwetch,

— Jeremy Bertrand Finch

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Language and Culture

Lesson 1

FOODS

Mdamen	corn	Penye'g	potatos
Bkwe'zhgen	bread	Wasgeg	pepper
Bkwe'zhgenabo	gravey	Ziwtagen	salt
No nagne'yabo	milk	Gapi	coffee
Koje'se'g	beans	Mbish	water
Wiyas	meat	Nbop	soup
Gigos	fish	Zisbakwed	sugar
Bokdoyem	pears	Wabgone's	squash/pumpkin
Jimnen	peas	Mnomen	rice
Pen	potato		

IN THE KITCHEN

Nagen	dish
Bdekje'gen	fork
Koman	knife
E'mkwan	spoon
Dopwen	table
Kadi	skillet (with legs)
Kek	kettle

AROUND THE HOUSE

nsekwe'wen	comb
mkezen	shoe
bagen	bed
waboyan	blanket
jibdebwen	chair
pedye'bwen	chair (northern Potawatomi)
mzen'egen	paper

MORE WORDS

Wigwam	house	Kizes	moon
Dabyan	car/wagon	Negos	star
Migwen	feather	Negoseg	stars
De'we'gen	drum	Mteg	tree
Pwagen	pipe	Kizes	sun
Sen	rock		

GREETINGS & DISCUSSION

Bozho	hello(shake hands)
jibdeben.	Sit or sit down(one person)
Wisnen.	Telling one person to eat.
Wisneg	telling more than one to eat
Gi wisen ne'?	Have you eaten?
Bama mine.	See you later.

Ni je na?	How are you?
Anwe se zhe na	Fine/OK
Gin je	and you
Ni pi je wej bya yen?	Where are you from?
<u>Shawnee Ndoch bya</u>	<u>I am from Shawnee</u>

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Gin	you	we ni je	what	I that	(not close)
Win	he/him/she/her/it	we' ni je o	who	e'I that over there	(far)
Ninan	we (not you)	wi	add emphasis	node these	(close)
Ginan	we (including you)	ni je wpi	when	ni those	(not close)
Ginwa	all of you	ni je we'j	why	e'ni those overthere	(far)
Winwa	<u>they, them</u>	ni jed so	how many		
Cho	no				
Konege'	yes				

Remember to practice, and you can refer back to what was printed in the November 1997 How Ni Kan for vowels, alphabet, etc. Make one correction please. In the November issue please be sure that you understand that O is sounded as oh.

Norman Kiker,
Language and Culture Director



Haskew Bronze Unveiled

Citizen Potawatomi Nation sculptor Denny Haskew's thirteen foot bronze and stone "Whispers of Oneness" was unveiled in December at the River Run Events Plaza in Keystone, Colorado. The piece was commissioned by the Summit Foundation and River Run Real Estate Developments. "Whispers of Oneness" depicts a Ute brave and eagle emerging from a Dakota Sandstone monolith, representing the Ute inhabitation of the River Run area 8,000-10,000 years ago. Other installations keeping Denny busy have been a five bronze commission by the Barona Band of Mission Indians in San Diego, CA. Cover shots are increasing for this Potawatomi artist. Denny Haskew's piece "White Deer of Autumn" was selected as the cover for Southwest Art magazine while the monumental "Committed" bronze was selected for the cover of Indian Gaming magazine.

Tribal member discovers royal blood, tribal heritage

Gladys Immenschuh grew up being told she had royal blood.

Until this September, the Augusta woman didn't know exactly how.

That is when she and 23 relatives she lost track of gathered in Rochester, Ind., Sept. 19, 20 and 21 to help the community to honor the Navarre family and commemorate the Potawatomi Trail of Courage.

The Trail of Courage Festival commemorates the 1838 removal of Potawatomis from their land in Indiana and the Great Lakes region to Kansas. Each year the festival honors a Potawatomi family.

The Navarre family, of which Immenschuh is a member, was presented with a key to the city by mayor Phil Thompson. They were also honored at a traditional Native American dance.

"My mother came from Oklahoma Indian Territory but she never talked about it," Immenschuh said. "I guess she was ashamed about it."

"She always told us we had noble blood but didn't really elaborate on it," she said.

Immenschuh is the great-great-granddaughter of Pierre Navarre, the founding father of present South Bend, Ind., and a descendant of King Henry IV of France.

Pierre's grandfather, and the first Navarre to arrive in America, was Robert Navarre, the three times great-grandson of King Henry IV. Pierre married Angelique Kechoueckquay, the daughter of a Potawatomi chief.

From these royal figures, one French, one Native American, Immenschuh received her royal lineage.

Upon receiving an invitation from cousin Keith Navarre of El Paso, Texas, Immenschuh made a quick study of the Potawatomi culture and her family history.

"I didn't know anything about it. We were never told anything when we were growing up," she said. "I went to the Indian Center (in Wichita) and did a lot of research."

"I'm glad I learned so much about my Indian heritage," she said. "I had a wonderful time in Indiana. It was an eye opener."

Ribbon blouses are made with only straight cuts. "Potawatomi women did not have the scissors to cut curves. The women usually wore brightly colored calicos with wide sleeves. Ribbons hung from the front," she said.

"I looked in a friend's book and found this pattern," she said, lightly touching a curvy piece of fabric. "This is supposed to be the Potawatomi sign. I don't know how they made all of these curves."

The dancing shawl is worn across the dancer's arm with the fringe facing the inside.

Immenschuh wore her ribbon blouse and carried her shawl during the dancing. A white buckskin dress and moccasins, loaned by a friend, were worn the day before.

"That dress was beautifully made with the fringe and the beadwork," she said. "But, it really weighed me down. It looks very light but because of the material it is made out of it is very heavy."

"The men dance with big steps and they do a lot of turning and jumping," she said. "The women take little steps. It's more like a walk."

This story, written by Amy Engel, appeared in an Augusta, Kansas, newspaper last October. A copy was sent to the HowNiKan.

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It's Your Newspaper!

The HowNiKan welcomes contributions from tribal members, especially stories of their accomplishments. Please send information and photographs to Mary Ferrell at tribal headquarters. Deadline is the 5th of the month.

City commissioner, legislator among first mentor volunteers

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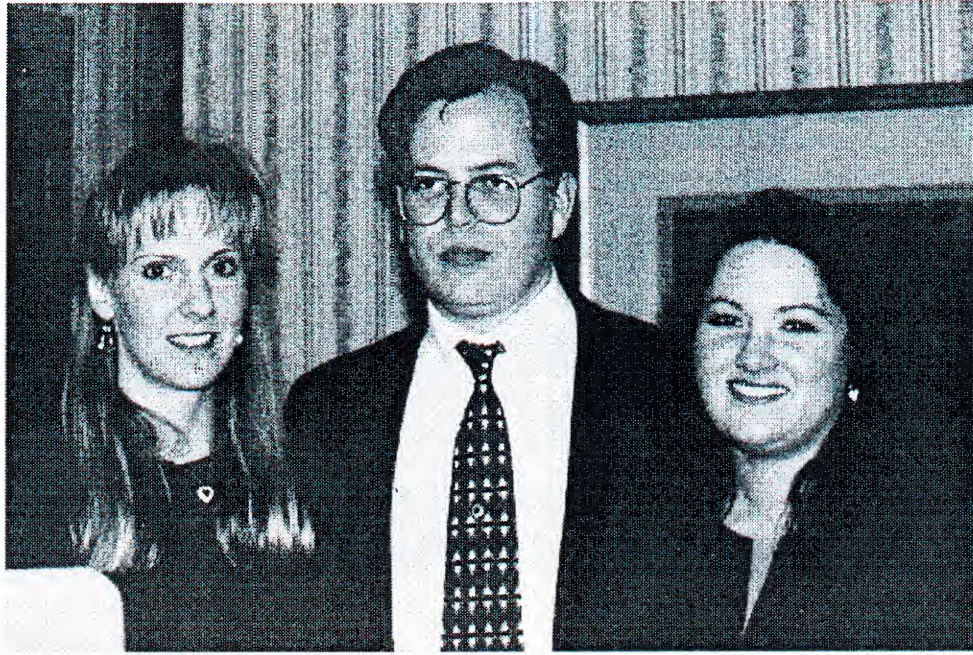
available to help these young people."

Mentors will commit two or more hours each week to a first offender, with whom they will be matched for from three to six months. "All we're asking is that the mentors spend quality time with the young people. As long as it's legal and enjoyable for both, the activities the mentors and first offenders engage in are completely up to them," Hubert explained.

"We're saying, 'Go have a good time. Spend quality time with this child, and enjoy yourself, also,'" is Hubert's description of the program's instructions to mentors.

First Offenders personnel will administer the True Colors personality survey to mentors and young people to ensure the best matches possible. Mentors will undergo a background check. They agree to refrain from forming a relationship with the young people's parents and to refrain from having the young people spend any nights at a mentor's home.

Commissioner Gillham said he considered several ways to volunteer his time to make a difference in young people's lives before deciding the First Offenders best meets his goals. "I welcome the opportu-



Dennette Brand, Left, And Jana Ross, Right, Discuss Mentor Program With The 23rd Judicial District's Associate District Judge John Gardner

nity. I am very enthusiastically behind the program.

"I do believe that this type of program, from both the welfare standpoint and the standpoint of the first-time offender is a critical first step toward individual involvement. I truly believe there is no other

way to cure society's ills than through individuals' being active and taking part in these processes," Commissioner Gillham said.

Rep. Weaver will split time spent with his match with another mentor. "With the legislative session beginning in February,

my free time is very limited," said Weaver, who is a father of three, ages 11, 12, and 14. "However, I can't think of any more personally rewarding and beneficial way to invest the time I have for projects such as this."

The mentors will undergo a morning of training on Saturday, March 14th. They will get information and insights on sexual abuse and substance abuse. In addition, First Offenders staff members will administer the True Colors survey that morning.

The young people who are being helped through First Offenders are referred by the Pottawatomie County Juvenile Services Unit, schools in the area, and by the youngsters' parents. The program is seven weeks long. Admission requires a commitment from parents to attend some meetings with their children.

Commissioner Gillham and Rep. Weaver join Hubert in urging adults of all ages and from all walks of life to volunteer their time and energy. "We believe the adult mentors will take away as much from this experience as they give—and as much as the youngsters receive," Rep. Weaver said.

To volunteer or obtain more information, contact Hubert, Dennette Brand, or Jana Ross at 275-3176 or at 800-880-9880.

Tribal members urged to join new water district

Citizen Potawatomi land owners in the southern part of Pottawatomie County—generally south of the Little River—are being urged to sign up for a new water district being formed there.

Business Committeeman Hilton Melot reminded tribal members that they are eligible for significant financial help from the Indian Health Service in doing so. IHS will pay all the initial expense—the \$275 membership fee which includes a meter and water line to the home.

All interested tribal members have to do is contact the Rural Water District No. 3 office in Wanette, and someone will help with the paperwork from there. The office is 314 Clarady and is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Those interested may also phone 383-2571 and leave a message at other times. Water district officials will help tribal members with the three documents that must be filled out. A copy of the landowner's deed and a copy of the roll card must accompany the paperwork.

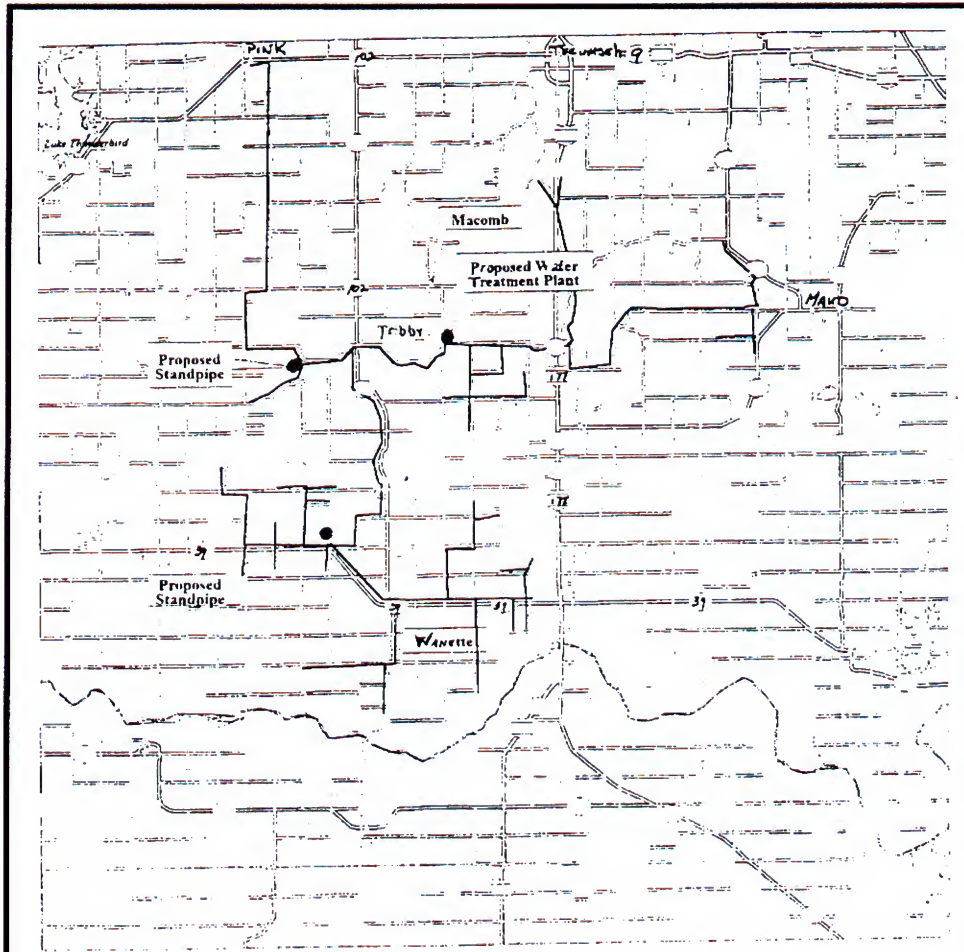
Work began on the new water district several months ago. Initially, the project was intended to serve the Tribbey area, but others asked to be included. The district now includes Pink, Macomb, the Pearson area, Wanette and most of Pottawatomie County south of the Little River except for the southeast corner. Chairman John Robinson said tribal members are in the district if their property is:

- East of U.S. 177, south of the Little River and north of Salt Creek, or
- West of U.S. 177 and south of Hwy. 59B, or
- West of Hwy. 102 and two miles north of Hwy. 9.

Water district directors estimate that

the monthly charges for water users will range from \$19-30. More than 400 households are expected to sign up for the water district. It is important to sign up early, as

later additions could run up the costs, which will be borne by the customer. Tribal members are urged to sign up by June 1, 1998.



This Map Shows The Area Covered By The New Water District

Election committee sworn in for 1998

Gary Bourbonnais will serve as chairman of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election Committee for 1998. Committee members were sworn in for new terms on Jan. 28 by Judge Phil Lujan.

Also serving on the 1998 committee are: David Bourbonnais, vice chairman; Esther Lowden, secretary; Harold Trousdale, assistant secretary; and Don Yott, marshal.

The committee, which is independent under the tribal Constitution, met immediately afterward to set the annual tribal election for June 27, 1998. The filing period will be March 30, 31 and April 1, and the deadline for applying for absentee ballots will be June 7.

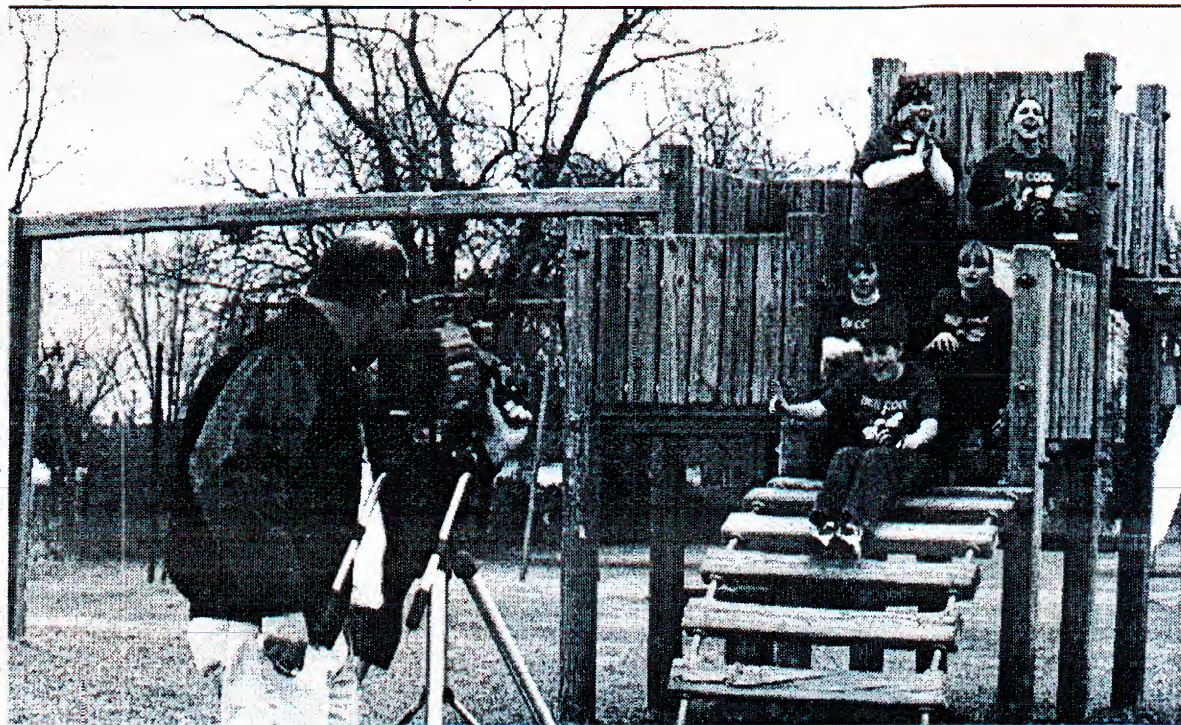
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Falcon Cable Cameraman Rick Hawkins Captures Young Actors On Tape As They Record Their Anti-Tobacco Public Service Announcements



Maud Elementary Principal Mark Dolezal With Students Rose Gregg, Jacklyn Files, Afton Price And Edith Phillips

Tribal program helps Maud students produce TV spots

Fifth-grade and sixth-grade students at Maud Elementary School will get a small taste of the limelight as they deliver an anti-smoking/anti-tobacco-chewing message. Through the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Community and Family Services Program, the youngsters have produced two television public service announcements (psa's).

The messages will begin airing on cable television systems in Shawnee, Tecumseh, Dale, Bethany, and McLoud within the next two weeks. A Falcon Cable Systems representative said that they will air on such cable services as CNN,

ESPN, Discovery, and others.

The children wrote scripts, parceled out acting parts, and rehearsed their roles as part of an anti-smoking effort that also taught them how smoking or chewing can damage their health.

Mark Dolezal, Maud Elementary School Principal, said that, through producing the television messages, his students "are taking ownership of what it means to take a stand against an unhealthy behavior."

As part of the anti-smoking program, the students designed t-shirts, which they wear in the public service announcements.

"I think the t-shirts are going to be a real obvious way for them to make a statement and will be a great role model to the younger kids and, even the older kids, too," Dolezal said.

Dolezal is thankful for the anti-smoking effort as an educational tool. "(These are) kids that otherwise would never get this kind of an opportunity, while they're in elementary school, to produce a commercial and to be an actor in a commercial. They gained a lot of confidence."

Shirl Hubert, of the Potawatomi Nation Community and Family Services

Program, said, "We are very pleased for this opportunity to make a positive impact on these children's future."

"We've seen their self-confidence and, through that, their ability to resist temptation, grow a lot. We are very proud of what they have accomplished."

Sixth-grader Mac Mullican said that the program has taught him "not to use tobacco because your friends won't like you, your lungs will turn black, and, if you dip, your lip will rot off."

Sixth-grader Bo Guinn said that tobacco use is "bad because

you can die from it and it causes cancer and it'll turn your lungs black and you can't play sports because you'll run out of oxygen."

Guinn said that he has asked an uncle to stop smoking. "I told him that he'd better stop smoking or he can't go to the (car) races anymore. That's because we usually run to see all the racecar drivers." The uncle hasn't stopped but, according to Guinn, has made some progress.

The young actors agreed that the process of making the public service announcements has been "cool and neat."

Tribe's economic impact on area sways Shawnee commission

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economic impact of at least \$14,640,000 annually.

"The Shawnee Chamber of Commerce states that a dollar spent in the local economy turns over four times before it leaves. On that basis, we believe the Potawatomi Nation generates a yearly economic impact of more than \$58 and one half million dollars here," said Chairman Barrett.

Through its government, its programs and services, and its business enterprises, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation employs some 386 people. They earn approximately \$4,275,419 annually.

The Nation's government programs and business enterprises bring in annual revenues totaling \$24.4 million. "Sixty



Chairman Barrett Addresses City Commission

percent (60%) of that flows right back out into the Shawnee-Pottawatomie County economy in the form of materials and supplies and other purchases and wages and salaries,"

Chairman Barrett said.

Linda Capps, Citizen Potawatomi vice chairman, said, "We are extremely pleased that our presence here has become such a positive factor in the area's economic well-being.

We attribute this to a tribal membership and an elected tribal leadership who believe in and are aggressive in their approach to economic development."

THE SHAWNEE AREA'S TOP TEN EMPLOYERS ARE:

1.	TDK Ferrites Corp.	960
2.	Central Plastics	515
3.	Wolverine Tube Co.	500
4.	Shawnee Schools	477
5.	Shawnee Regional Hospital	475
6.	Mobil Chemical Co.	460
7.	Eaton Corp.	425
8.	Citizen Potawatomi Nation	386
9.	Oklahoma Baptist University	357
10.	City of Shawnee	275